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PATENT APPLICATION

**RESPONSE UNDER 37 CFR §1.116
EXPEDITED PROCEDURE
TECHNOLOGY CENTER ART UNIT 2653**

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of

Noriaki KASAHARA et al.

Group Art Unit: 2653

Application No.: 10/041,637

Examiner: D. Ometz

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Docket No.: 111653

For: THIN-FILM MAGNETIC HEAD AND METHOD OF MANUFACTURING SAME,
AND METHOD OF FORMING A PATTERNED THIN FILM FOR A THIN-FILM
MAGNETIC HEAD

AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.116

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Sir:

In reply to the April 1, 2004 Office Action, please consider the following:

Amendments to the Claims as reflected in the listing of claims; and

Remarks.